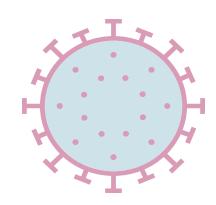


COVID-19Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Prevent the introduction of respiratory germs INTO your facility:

- Visitation to prisons should be suspended until further guidance is issued
- If for any reason visitation is permitted, post signs instructing visitors, employees, and other persons not to visit if they have symptoms of respiratory infection – fever, cough or shortness of breath
- If visitors, employees, or any other persons seeking entrance have fever, cough, or shortness of breath, do not allow them to enter your facility
- Ensure sick leave policies allow employees to stay home if they have fever or are ill
- Assess for inmate illness upon intake to the facility and implement appropriate infection prevention practices



Prevent the spread of respiratory germs WITHIN your facility:



- Keep employees and inmates informed
- Monitor employees and inmates for fever, cough or shortness of breath
- Support hand and respiratory hygiene, as well as cough etiquette by inmates, visitors, and employees
- Ensure employees are properly trained on infection control procedures
- Maintain appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and practice PPE conservation (PPE includes face mask, goggles, aprons, and gloves)
- Isolate persons that are ill and mask them immediately. PPE must be worn by persons transporting and caring for ill individuals.
- Designate "clean teams" that do not interact with ill individuals
- Consistently disinfect high traffic areas or known contaminated areas
- Set up stations within the facility where all persons can easily access hand sanitizers

Prevent the spread of respiratory germs BETWEEN facilities:

- Notify facilities prior to transferring an inmate with a fever, cough or shortness of breath, including suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- Report any possible COVID-19 illness in employees or inmates to your local health department



For the most up-to-date information:

https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov.html

Tennessee Department of Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html

Tennessee Department of Corrections

https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/correction/frequently-asked-questions-regarding-covid-19.html